Minutes Approved at the 622nd Meeting – May 4, 2015

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
621st Meeting
April 6, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Armstrong, Gaillard, Goldblum, Hoffman, Howell, Levin, Liu, Ma, Majumdar, Mantzke, Porter, Smith, Stoddard, Ueckert, Wang (for Hathaway), Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bell, Bond, Bostwick, Gowen, Johnson, Lukaszuk, Osorio, Pamerla, Rodriguez, Schraufnagel

GUEST: Rebecca Hunt (ETRA)

OTHERS PRESENT: Hughes (Secretary), Smith (Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator)

Stoddard, Assistant Chair of the Graduate Council, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Gaillard moved approval of the March 2, 2015, minutes; Wilkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Committee: Stoddard reviewed the report of the March 5, 2015, meeting. The committee met to evaluate twenty-two applications for full-time fellowships and four applications for part-time fellowships. Full-time fellows receive a tuition waiver and stipend of $14,000; part-time fellows receive a tuition waiver only. Seven full-time fellowships were offered to students in the following programs: Biological Sciences; Chemistry and Biochemistry; English; History; Physics; Political Science; and Psychology. The four part-time awards were offered to students in these programs: Counseling, Adult and Higher Education (2); Political Science; and Psychology.

Curriculum Committee: Howell presented the March 16, 2015, minutes for approval. He reported that the only major curricular item was the proposal to change the doctoral degree in Instructional Technology from an Ed.D. to a Ph.D. Howell noted that the program has already become more research-focused as opposed to emphasizing applied knowledge or practicum experiences. Dr. Rebecca Hunt from the Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment was present to answer questions. Mantzke moved approval of the minutes; Goldblum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
Standards Committee: Stoddard reported on the March 16, 2015, committee meeting and reviewed several proposed revisions to the catalog and APPM with regard to overloads, underloads and application fees. Mantzke questioned new language in one of the documents that discussed enrollment requirements for international students. She also suggested other revisions. Wilkins proposed that the concerns be taken back to the committee for further review and discussion with Bond. Graduate Council tabled the entire packet to allow the Standards Committee another attempt at the revisions.

University Fellowship Committee: Stoddard reviewed the report of the February 27, 2015, meeting. The committee met to review twenty-six applications on behalf of students in fifteen departments. Ultimately, six awards were made to students in the following programs: Accountancy; Anthropology; Art; Music; Philosophy; and Psychology. University Fellowships include a stipend of $9,000.

New Business

Graduate Faculty Scholars and Masters-Level Committees: Stoddard reviewed a minor change to the Graduate Catalog that was initiated to bring the document into alignment with the APPM. Specifically, the language was revised to reflect the policy that faculty scholars may chair comprehensive examination and thesis committees. Levin found the entire paragraph confusing. She suggested that it be completely revised for clarity and agreed to draft the revisions for review by the Standards Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.